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10/685,914	10/15/2003	Daniel A. Copeland	P53569US01NJ	6294

TITLE OF INVENTION: ENERGIZED RESTRAINING GASKET FOR MECHANICAL JOINTS OF PIPES

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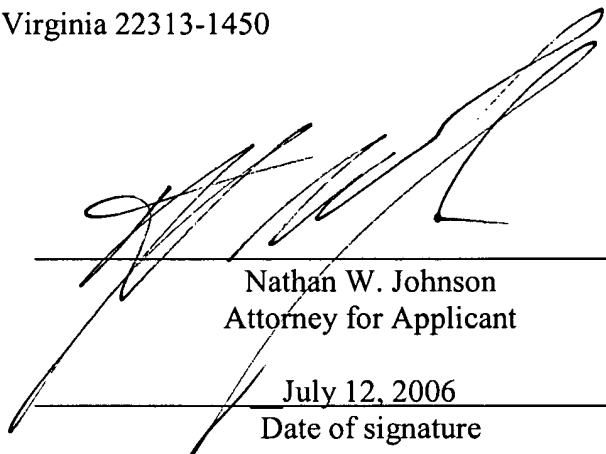
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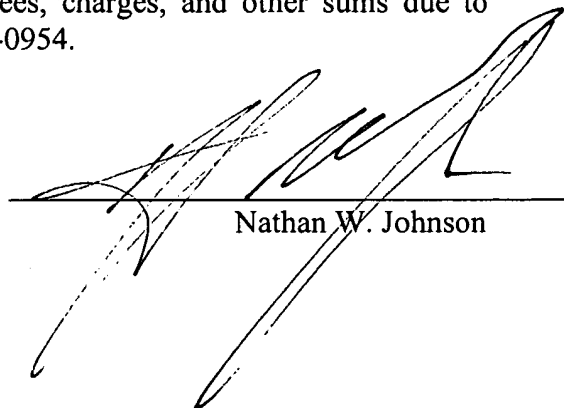
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